Japanese Consul General at Manila, felt the urge to unbosom himself of his views on the matter. The procedure was most unusual, but Mr. Kimura's remarks were never disauthorized in Tokyo. They may thus be interpreted as reflecting a sector of Japanese opinion. With his forum the University of the Philippines and his audience university students and professors, Consul Kimura said, "In all probability, the American trade with the Philippines will gradually shrink as the time for independence approaches, and Japan-Philippine trade will correspondingly increase." He declared that "under such circumstances it can be foreseen that Japan will be one of the most potential markets for Philippine products." "The Philippines," he said, "has the raw materials that Japan needs, while Japan could easily supply the greater bulk of the needed industrial goods at prices very much lower than those obtainable in other countries." He advised the implantation of a currency system independent from the dolkn He mentioned the neutralization of the Philippines and stated that "the Japanese are and will be your good friends, ready to offer their helping hand whenever you are in need of it," and that, therefore, it was most desirable that "in dealing with a matter which may affect future relations with foreign countries, especially with the oriental countries, you take the utmost care to prevent any possible misunderstanding."

Already Japanese pan-Asiatism is giving concern to the Filipinos. Some of them who believe in preparedness profess to see the writing on the wall and are

assiduously studying the Japanese language. A Manila publisher reports good sales of Japanese-English dictionaries, A few Filipinos, including a university professor, following the example of the revolutionary society which before the outbreak against Spain sent a deputation to Japan to present a petition to the Mikado praying him to annex the Philippines, have come out boldly to advocate a Japanese-Philippine alliance. Others who think more clearly see the portent of the signs which are the cause